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Well, I start with three things: the Church's doctrine, her interpretation of Scripture, and the Scriptures themselves, do speak to us in our everyday situations. If they didn't, then that means we believe God isn't directly involved in our lives, that he's not completely invested in bringing about our flourishing. The Church and the Scriptures are very much in touch with our lives.

When we open up Scripture, though, because of the predominantly Protestant attitude towards Scripture that has sunk into American culture, we can find ourselves reading it in isolation. When I say isolation, I don't mean in the middle of the desert or in a jail cell. I mean without reference to anything but ourselves. "Saint Jerome recalls that we can never read Scripture simply on our own. We come up against too many closed doors and we step too easily into error. The Bible was written by the People of God for the People of God, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Only in this communion with the People of God can we truly enter as a 'we' into the heart of the truth that God himself wishes to convey to us... the Book is the very voice of the pilgrim people of God, and only within the faith of this People are we, so to speak, attuned to understand Sacred Scripture. An authentic interpretation of the Bible must always be in harmony with the faith of the Catholic Church" (VD, 30).

Reading Scripture is a personal encounter with the Word of God. It is also an encounter with the life of the Church. When we open up the Bible, we experience the Holy Spirit working in the Church through the authors of the various books. Because we are part of the Church, when we open a Bible, we aren't reading alone, but as part of the Church. To cut the Church out of our reading is to cut the connection with the Holy Spirit.

So how do we read with the Church? Pope Benedict gives a few answers. The first he gets from St. Augustine: "Remain firmly attached to the traditional doctrine that you have been taught, so that you may exhort according to sacred doctrine and confound those who contradict it." Unfortunately for most of us, we weren't taught well the traditional doctrine. We may know the absolute basics, and little else. That means we need to continue to study, to learn. Our Adult Faith Formation can help. Holy Family is registered at formed.org,* which has a wealth of videos on the Catholic faith. You can also sit down and talk with me. Ask me questions. Get some reading material from me. In knowing how the Church thinks and sees the Word, we are able to see Scripture in a new light through the proper lenses.

The second is this: "As the reader matures in the life of the Spirit, so there grows also his or her capacity to understand the realities of which the Bible speaks.¹ The intensity of an authentic ecclesial experience can only lead to the growth of genuine understanding in faith where the Scriptures are concerned; conversely, reading the Scriptures in faith leads to growth in ecclesial life itself" (VD, 30). The deeper we grow in our spiritual lives, so the deeper our reading of the Scriptures. The deeper our reading of the Scriptures in faith, the closer we are to reading with and in the mind of the Church. The closer we are with Christ, the closer we are to the Church. So to put these together, the best way we can learn to read with the mind of the Church is through prayer and study.

¹ Pontifical Biblical Commission, *The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church*, II, A, 2.

To. Kyle

* see next page for how to access your free subscription to formed.org!



We girls are doing our part, but we need your help...

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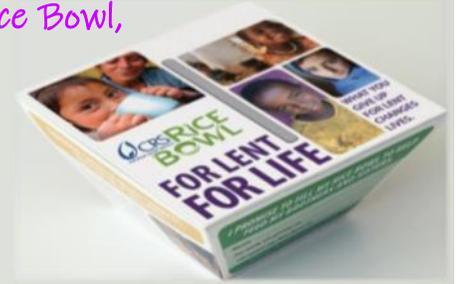
This week's second collection:

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS

From this collection, the U.S. Bishops' Black and Indian Mission Office awards grants to dioceses, schools, and religious education programs supporting the evangelization of Alaska Native, Native American, and African-American communities. Envelopes are on the shelf near the church entrance. Thank you for your kindness.

CALLING ALL RICE BOWLS: Deadline 9 am Mon 7/20

If you still have your 2020 Rice Bowl, we will accept it, or a check, **made out to HOLY FAMILY with the memo RICE BOWL**, in Holy Family's office up to **9 am tomorrow, Mon 7/20**.



Please consider volunteering at the Help Center Food Bank. Call Holy Family for details.

And please keep bringing in your peanut butter, tuna, and financial gifts.

Thank you!

Rabbouni!
[my great Master!]
St Mary Magdalene
at the instant she recognized the risen Jesus
(John 20:16)

Her feast day is July 22...

So, who was Mary Magdalene, really?

Many of us carry about the notion that Mary Magdalene was a reformed prostitute. As for her

history, the Gospels reveal only that Jesus cast out seven demons from her (Mark 16:9). Her surname Magdalene refers to her hometown of Magdala (as Nazarene indicates that Jesus hailed from Nazareth). The Gospels show her as one of a group of women who accompanied Jesus and the disciples. Most noteworthy, however: she faithfully and courageously remained at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, watching as He was buried (Mark 15:40, and in the other three Gospels). When she lovingly returned to the tomb to care for His body, she became the first recorded witness of His resurrection, following Jesus' instruction to announce the news to His Apostles. She was not the sister of Lazarus and Martha of Bethany, and she most assuredly was not married to Jesus. She IS "the Apostle to the Apostles"—the FIRST to proclaim His resurrection, mere moments after it occurred!



Stewardship Report

regular collection	\$ 3,684.50
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Military (deployed): Cody Westmoreland.

Names stay on the list for three months. To add or retain someone, call 839-4040 or email holyfamilyfranklinton@arch-no.org.

This week's Scripture readings

<u>Mon 7/20</u> Apollinaris Bishop, Martyr	Micah 6:1-4,6-8 Psalm 50:5-6,8-9,16-17,21,23 Matthew 12:38-42
<u>Tues 7/21</u> Lawrence of Brindisi Priest, Doctor of the Church	Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Psalm 85:2-8 Matthew 12:46-50
<u>Wed 7/22</u> Mary Magdalene Disciple	2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Psalm 63:2-6,8-9 John 20:1-2,11-18
<u>Thurs 7/23</u> Bridget Religious	Jeremiah 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Psalm 36:6-7,8-11 Matthew 13:10-17
<u>Fri 7/24</u> Sharbel Makhluf Priest	Jeremiah 3:14-17 Jeremiah 31:10-13 Matthew 13:18-23
<u>Sat 7/25</u> James Apostle, Martyr	2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 126:1,2-6 Matthew 20:20-28
<u>Sun 7/26</u> 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kings 3:5,7-12 Psalm 119:57,72-77,127-130 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn July 19-25
in memory of **Jessie Andras**
by request of Sandra Andras



Mass Intentions

7/18 5 pm	†Breaux Family †Harold Carriles †Guidry/Bolotte Families Dori Malone Hearn †Toni Carriles Hedrick †Shirley LeBlanc †Genevieve Zeringue
7/19 8:30 am	Manette Bateman †Bertha and Reuben Pitcher †Brandi Sander †Souls in Purgatory
7/19 11 am	Our Parishioners
7/19 3 pm	Aidan Ibarra
7/21 6:30 pm	*Communion service*
7/22 6:30 pm	*Communion service*
7/23 9 am	*Communion service*
7/24 9 am	*Communion service*



For a FREE week-long program of daily emails with videos, activities, coloring pages, games, and fun recipes, sign up at:

<https://www.holyheroes.com/Summer-Faith-Adventure-Catholic-VBS-s/110.htm>

Get ready for a faith-filled week of backyard camp!

Upcoming events

7/21-24	* Communion services at Mass times
7/25	Confessions 3-4 pm
7/30	Pastoral Council 6 pm
8/1	First Saturday: Rosary 8:30 am / Mass 9 am
8/2	Rosary at the Prayer Garden 9:45 am
8/6	72 nd Anniversary of Dedication of our Church
8/7	Rosary 8:30 am
8/7	Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am-4:30 pm
8/7	Benediction 4:30 pm
8/8	Confessions 3-4 pm
8/11	Altar and Rosary Society 10 am
8/13	Friends of St Francis 9:30 am

The current calendar is downloadable at www.holyfamilyfranklinton.org/parish-calendar, dated the 1st of the month. Printed copies are on the shelf in the back of the church and in the office hallway.